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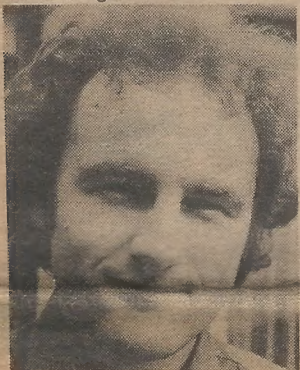
LAST-ROUND THRILLER

TOP FOUR:

Heidelberg and two "city" sides

Heidelberg are almost certainly in the Top Four but not quite.

Should they lose while Sydney City and either Brisbane City or Adelaide City win with a bonus point, Heidelberg can still miss out.



Jim Tansey, Heidelberg : playing probably better than two years ago when he became a Soccerroo defender.

That is the mathematical position. But in reality, this smooth, classy Heidelberg not only look safe for a Top Four spot — but also good enough to win the thing.

Their Sunday clash against Marconi will be a full dress rehearsal for the Top Four series and in their present

form, they must be favored to get the points.

Who is likely to accompany them into the series to join Marconi?

Sydney City are the only contenders not playing at home — but for them this is always an advantage.

Also, today's Canberra City shouldn't present too much problem for Sydney.

Brisbane City, after their shock crash of last week, will be at home to West Adelaide.

Meanwhile, Adelaide City play at home against the other Brisbane team, Lions.

Will West Adelaide help their South Australian colleagues into the Top Four — or will Lions do Brisbane City the same favor?

Newcastle's chances are now slim; although they are favored to beat Footscray — who are now safe from relegation — they can make it only if at least two teams above them fail.

The odds certainly favor Heidelberg and Sydney City while for the fourth spot we take a punt and put our money on Adelaide City, edging out Brisbane City.

THE HARD FACTS

Champions: Marconi
In Top Four: Marconi

Other Top Four contenders: Heidelberg, Sydney City, Brisbane City, Adelaide City and Newcastle.

Relegated: South Melbourne.
Also to be relegated: St. George or Olympic.

Last matches of Top Four candidates:

HEIDELBERG (34 pt.): Marconi (home).
SYDNEY CITY (32 pt.): Canberra (away).
BRISBANE CITY (32 pt.): West Adelaide (home).
ADELAIDE CITY (31 pt.): Brisbane Lions (home).
NEWCASTLE (30 pt.): Footscray (home).



To a certain extent, it's in these outstretched hands of goalie Mike Fraser that the fate of struggling St. George is deposited.

RELEGATION:

Saints or Olympic

As we correctly predicted, the relegation issue has been left to a drama-filled last round.

In our September 6 edition we wrote: "The issue may be decided in the Olympic v St. George match...."

Well, now it will be. One or the other of these two Sydney teams will join South Melbourne in the onerous task of eating humble pie and submitting an application seeking re-admission for 1980.

Last week's round produced some amazing turnabouts. Footscray, in one magic swoop, collected a bonus point and swept to safety.

Fortune also favored Canberra, the PSL's most completely collapsed team.

Although they failed to add to their tally, they have escaped relegation worries as the two teams, which could still overtake them, will have a direct confrontation.

Brisbane Lions soared to safety last weekend — and may even finish in the 8th position.

South Melbourne, despite their 4-0 win and bonus point, are doomed; even if they collect another 3 points in the last round (against APIA), they can only catch St. George.

So the final drama will be played out between Olympic and St. George with the odds slightly favoring the fallen Greek giants as they would ensure their survival with a draw while the Saints need a win.

Back in March few would have believed that St. George can reach such depths where their existence may be decided in the very last round.

Olympic have another thing in their favor: their defence is usually tight. So far they have conceded only 29 goals — less than the champions Marconi.

Their problem has been in attack, as their 23 goals scored shows — the most anaemic striking force in the PSL.

In contrast, the St. George defence has conceded 43 goals, the equal worst in the League.

The last time these two teams (or rather their predecessors, Budapest and Pan Hellenic) met under similar circumstances was in 1958 when they had to play to decide promotion to the NSW first division.

Budapest won that tussle — but will they be successful again, 21 years later?

If they are, we will have the situation where two Greek-backed clubs finish at the bottom of the PSL.

Should Olympic win and South Melbourne also get the two points, the Saints will finish last.



Gary Meier, Olympic



Phil O'Connor, Saints



Peter Raskopoulos, Olympic



Peter Katholos, Saints

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	AGGREGATE										HOME										AWAY									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	BP	TP	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) MARCONI.....	25	15	6	4	56	34	36	4	40	13	7	4	2	25	16	18	12	8	2	2	31	13	18	13	6	3	4	23	18	15
2 (3) HEIDELBERG.....	25	13	7	5	41	28	33	1	34	12	7	4	1	18	10	18	13	6	3	4	23	18	15	12	8	2	2	20	7	18
3 (2) SYDNEY CITY.....	25	14	3	8	45	29	31	1	32	13	6	1	6	25	22	13	12	8	2	2	20	7	18	13	6	3	4	16	19	15
4 (4) BRISBANE CITY.....	25	13	5	7	36	30	31	1	32	12	7	2	3	20	11	16	13	6	3	4	16	19	15	13	7	3	3	25	13	17
5 (5) ADELAIDE CITY.....	25	12	6	7	41	27	30	1	31	12	5	3	4	16	14	13	13	7	3	3	25	13	17	13	4	5	4	19	18	17
6 (6) NEWCASTLE.....	25	10	9	6	41	30	29	1	30	12	6	4	2	21	12	16	13	4	5	4	19	18	17	12	4	2	6	11	18	10
7 (7) WEST ADELAIDE.....	25	10	4	11	28	29	24	1	25	13	6	2	5	17	11	14	13	5	1	7	14	21	11	13	5	1	7	14	21	11
8 (8) APIA.....	25	10	3	12	27	36	23	—	23	12	5	2	5	13	15	12	12	3	5	4	10	14	11	12	3	5	4	10	14	11
9 (10) BRISBANE LIONS.....	25	8	6	11	28	38	22	—	22	13	5	1	7	18	24	11	12	3	5	4	10	14	11	12	3	2	7	12	20	8
10 (12) FOOTSCRAY.....	25	8	3	14	29	40	19	1	20	13	5	1	7	17	20	11	13	4	4	5	13	17	12	13	4	4	5	13	17	12
11 (9) CANBERRA.....	25	6	8	11	24	38	20	—	20	12	2	4	6	11	20	8	13	4	4	5	13	17	12	13	5	2	6	15	15	12
12 (11) OLYMPIC.....	25	7	5	13	23	29	19	—	19	12	2	3	7	8	14	7	13	5	2	6	15	15	12	12	3	2	7	13	22	8
13 (13) ST. GEORGE.....	25	6	6	13	26	43	18	—	18	13	3	4	6	13	21	10	12	3	2	7	13	22	8	13	4	2	7	19	18	10
14 (14) STH. MELBOURNE.....	25	6	3	16	25	43	15	1	16	13	4	2	7	19	18	10	12	2	1	9	6	25	5	12	2	1	9	6	25	5

BP: Bonus points for wins by 4 goals or more.
TP: Total points.

"Uncle" Joe is still learning

Joe Vlasits is back in Sydney, infinitely richer for the experience and considerably worse off in his bank account.

The doyen of Australian coaches has just spent three months in Europe on a "study and re-orientation" tour.

For most of the time he was in Austria, West Germany and Hungary.

In Budapest, he was in camp with the national under-19 team before their departure for Japan and the FIFA World Youth Cup finals.

"I was very impressed with their preparations and with their coach, Gyula Rakosi, who has modern ideas and is totally dedicated," Vlasits said this week.

"Frankly, I expected them to do a lot better in Japan than their two losses and one win.



"By the way, Rakosi's term with this team is over and he would be interested in spending a year or two in Australia. He would be a big asset for any club here.

"I also had long talks with Hungarian coaches and association officials who gave me a royal treatment.

"They are now restructuring Hungarian soccer and say it will take them about seven years to show positive results.

"But you can't help being impressed by the fact that they are doing it anyway, without expecting instant miracles, as we so often do in Australia."

While in Austria, Vlasits spent some time with the national squad under Karl Stotz and then at a special soccer training camp for youngsters.

"The Austrians have adopted the systematic German approach and I'm sure they will emerge as a great power again very shortly.

"They are concentrating on youth but not just by talking about it. They have special camps all over the country for their talented young players, working under the most able and best prepared coaches.

"At Eisenstadt, not too far from Vienna, they have a huge training camp. I saw the final of the under-12 national championships there—there were 5,000 spectators."

In Vienna, Vlasits also met Dettmar Cramer who had taken his Saudi Arabian club there for a training camp.

"They beat a terrible Wacker 3-2, with former West German star Erich Beer getting two of the 'Arab' goals.

"Cramer told me he would stay in Saudi Arabia for another year, then go back to Germany. His salary is now \$25,000 a month.

"But from what I heard elsewhere, the wealthy club officials are not too happy with him as they expected something better than a third or fourth place from the team, after all that outlay.

"Still, club officials are the same all over the world..."

One week with Bayern Munich and another one with 1860 Munchen in Germany rounded off Vlasits' tour.

"Bayern was preparing for the new season and they let me spend all the time I needed with them.

"It's an eye-opener to see those professionals and world stars going through their grind twice a day.

"Nobody complains, nobody is slack; not one of them tries to cut corners or take it easy. They work hard because they know it's all in their own very interest.

"No wonder German soccer is so tremendously powerful and successful."

Northern League on

The Northern NSW State League is a definite starter for 1980.

"The 10 clubs accepted into the League have each guaranteed a \$8,000 fee which will cover administration and transport costs," said NNSW secretary John Sullivan this week.

"If we get sponsorships, the clubs will be entitled to receive a rebate.

"Our public relations agents are working on some sponsorship deals right now. But clubs also can obtain their own sponsorship, apart from the League."

John Sullivan defended the position under which Newcastle United was excluded from membership.

"We believe that the Youth PSL League will come and that will enable them to develop the best young talent in the area.

He also believes that his directors have made sound decisions regarding the clubs now admitted.

The full membership is Belmont-Swansea, Wallsend, Adamstown, Edgeworth, Stewarts & Lloyds, Weston and from the country Armidale, Tamworth, Grafton and Coffs Harbour.

"It will be up to Weston to become the top club for the Coalfields area, feeding in their crowds from Cessnock, Kurri, Maitland, Muswellbrook and Singleton.

"Stewarts & Lloyds is backed by the huge Tubemakers of Australia group and have their own ground and recreation club at Mayfield.

"Belmont-Swansea will have the financial strength to do quite a lot of updating of their ground and improving their team," he added.

The second and third teams of the Newcastle clubs in State League will play in a special Hunter League, with dual registration.

The seven Northern League clubs which didn't make State League will, in effect, be joined by other promoted clubs, subject to normal relegation procedures and form a strong Newcastle first division.

CLUB PATROL

A couple of Inter Monaro second graders on the injury list are Reg Sheridan and Frank Weir. Reg scored his first goal for Monaro the other week then 10 minutes later had to go off with a badly damaged ankle. He is unlikely to be in the side this week, as is Frank who is suffering from knee trouble.

Inter Monaro was a rather depleted side last week after some of the squad were struck with a virus. Both Laurie Palec and Wally Valeri missed a whole week's training before the Melita match.

Inter Monaro's talented defender Aldo Charles missed last week's match after receiving his fourth yellow card in the previous game against Arncliffe.

Croatia coach Atti Abonyi is worried about the knee injury to his star defender Alex Kovacic. Alex has been sidelined with fluid on the knee for the past five weeks and his situation doesn't look too promising for the top four series.

Parramatta's Graham Barker had an operation on his toe last week and is unlikely to play in the last round of the competition.

Parramatta is almost certain to sign a well known young PSL starlet who has decided to start a university course next year. The club is looking to provide him with accommodation on the north side of the harbour, and he will provide further strength to an already steady squad.

Auburn will be conducting coaching clinics through the summer, every Tuesday and Thursday evening at Mona Park.

Auburn's GARY FAIRCLOUGH became engaged last week. Our congratulations to Gary.

The ARTARMON SOCCER CLUB held a very successful dinner-presentation night last Saturday at the North Sydney Leagues Club. Over 140 people attended to see officials KEITH JAMES, NORM MASON and club president BILL ORR receive awards. In the player's category DONALD HOSIE won the coveted Player of the Year award. Don accepted his award on crutches, the result of an injury late in the Grand Final against Ashcroft which Artarmon lost. STEVE SLADE and "BUDGIE" MOLE also received awards for their performances during the year.

MAROUBRA BAY HIGH won the Lord Mayor's Cup last Sunday beating Cranbrook on penalties at Wentworth Park. The trophy was presented to the winners by Sydney City president Frank Lowy.

The lessons from Japan

ASF Youth Development Officer Brian Emery is already spending a good deal of his time on arrangements for the 1981 FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth Cup, to be held in Australia.

This follows his recent attendance in Japan of the finals of the 1979 series, together with ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre and Coca-Cola representative Peter Bent.

One major problem to be solved is the television coverage for both local and overseas viewers.

"Seventeen countries took direct TV coverage from Japan, so we will have to know shortly from which cities we can get satellite time and then plan accordingly," said Emery this week.

"The Japanese had 1200 officials looking after the series. Three of the four groups in the elimination rounds were controlled from Tokyo and the other one from Kobe, but we will have to decentralise more than they did."

Press facilities will have to be set up in Australian cities, of similar standards that were available in Japan.

Accommodation will be expensive.

"There is no scope for anything sub-standard," Emery said.

"Quite often we are dealing with the most eminent officials, managers, coaches and players who are in senior World Cup class and first class hotel accommodation is a necessity," he said.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Manly v Bankstown	2-0	1-5	1-1
Avalah v Ku-ring-gai	1-0	1-2	2-4
Sutherland v Parramatta	4-0	1-0	4-0
Croatia v Marrickville	0-0	4-0	1-3
Blacktown v Yugal	1-0	2-1	4-0
Melita v Inter Monaro	3-1	2-0	—
Melita v Arncliffe	—	—	0-1

Division 1

Uni NSW v Blacktown	1-2	6-0	0-0
St. George v Syd. Olympic	2-1	5-0	1-1
Queens Pk v Polonia	1-4	1-2	1-0
Revesby v APIA	3-1	0-0	3-1
Wollongong v Belmore	3-1	0-3	3-0
Marconi v Warringah	4-0	1-0	7-0
Nth. Syd. v Syd. City	3-0	2-2	0-1
Polonia v Queens Pk	2-1	1-2	4-3
Nepean v Wollongong	0-4	—	—
St. George v Marconi	—	2-1	2-1

Division 4: Final

Nth. Ryde v Namatjira	0-0
(1-0 on penalties)	

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Melita is negotiating with two Matlese players to come to Australia. However, they are unlikely to get here before the start of next season's Ampol Cup.

Long term Ku-ring-gai official Col Scott-Kemmis, the manager of a very sizeable Sydney engineering company, will stand for the NSW Federation Executive at the forthcoming annual meeting. And, to provide more drive for State League progress, the Ku-ring-gai club delegates will press for the establishment of a dynamic combined promotion and development committee.

EDDIE HOWARD, the skilful Revesby midfielder broke his leg last Sunday, playing for the second grade against APIA.

ADELAIDE

Polonia and Cumberland United will clash in the second semifinal of the Top Four Coca-Cola Cup at Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday.

The match represents the last chance for both teams to snare a 1979 honor.

Rothmans League champions Beograd beat Azzurri 2-1 in the first semifinal replay last Monday night.

Two days earlier, the teams played a 2-2 draw.

PARLT. CHIEFS BACK W'GONG

Last week's Parliament House luncheon, hosted by NSW Speaker Laurie Kelly, demonstrated the potential of Wollongong as a Philips League club.

Three State ministers, Rex Jackson, Ken Booth and Bill Crabtree also attended.

ASF president Sir Arthur George and PSL manager John Frank represented soccer interests.

Executives of three large Australian companies with sponsorship interests were also present.

One of them described Newcastle United as the second biggest drawing club of any code in NSW and believes that Wollongong will go close to matching them, when given a chance.

Wollongong was represented by ex-deputy mayor Harold Hanson who is also a local solicitor, Alan Hoy, director of WIN-4 television, Greg Best, the South Coast director of Sports and Recreation and real estate agent James McCormack.

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NSW JUNIORS

GRAND FINALS:

Under 14: Bankstown v Marconi 2-1 (extra time); Under 15: APIA v Blacktown City 1-0; Under 16: APIA v Belmore 2-0.

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COSMOS TOUR NOW OFFICIAL

It is now final and official: the New York Cosmos will play in Sydney on Wednesday, October 24.

Ralph Lynch, head of International Artists, last week confirmed that his company would arrange and underwrite the match.

A few days earlier Cosmos will play in Melbourne. The Sydney venue will be the vast Showground and the opponents, probably, Australia.

"We expect a crowd of about 35,000 to 50,000," Ralph Lynch said.

"That's the reason why we decided against the smaller Sportsground.

"In order to improve viewing facilities, the playing area at the Showground will be re-positioned."

Ralph Lynch has been one of the top show-biz entrepreneurs in Australia for some years; among other things he has been importing all the big-name stars for the Hilton hotel group.

"But this is my very first venture into sport and I'm learning fast.

"Truly, I see great potential in soccer and I may branch out into some other promotions in the future.

"But this is more of a challenge to me. My old friend, John Warren asked me casually if I would be interested in underwriting Cosmos and I acted on his advice.

"If the Cosmos match works out, we may get more deeply involved next year."

Cosmos are probably the most star-studded team ever to visit Australia.

They have in their ranks Beckenbauer, Neeskens, Carlos Alberto, Rijdsbergen, Chinaglia and Eskandarian, all great names and heroes of countless international clashes.



King of Cosmos, Franz Beckenbauer.

PSL GROWTH NEEDS PLAN

— By Keith Gilmour —

One of the biggest problems of the Philips League is that its magic appeal is attracting applicants galore.

Not that there are no other problems, of course.

Among these one should mention inadequate TV exposure, the sometimes dubious standard of soccer facilities, rationalisation of clubs and others.

NSW

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	15	9	1	52	22	39
Monaro	12	8	5	53	36	32
Blacktown	13	5	7	43	32	31
Melita	11	8	6	40	32	30
Sutherland	11	7	7	43	33	29
Avala	12	3	11	37	39	27
Auburn	11	4	9	40	36	26
Mv. Olympic	8	8	9	32	33	24
Ku-ring-gai	6	10	9	29	37	22
Parramatta	10	1	14	25	44	21
Bankstown	8	4	13	29	31	20
Manly	6	7	12	22	32	19
Arncliffe	5	5	15	28	45	15
Yugal	5	5	15	21	42	15

GRADE 2

St. George	18	5	4	76	26	41
Marconi	17	4	5	55	23	38
Belmore	14	8	9	46	27	36
Revesby	15	5	7	46	39	35
Wollongong	14	4	9	56	51	32
APIA	11	10	6	35	33	32
Syd. City	13	5	8	41	27	31
Nth. Sydney	13	4	10	44	34	30
Uni. NSW	11	5	11	51	40	27
Nepean	10	7	10	50	47	27
Blacktown	7	5	15	30	58	19
Polonia	6	5	15	31	46	17
Olympic	6	4	17	21	42	16
Warringah	4	3	20	25	72	11
Queens Park	4	2	21	25	66	10

GRADE 3

Olympic	21	5	1	84	20	47
St. George	20	3	4	101	17	43
Marconi	20	3	3	66	23	43
Revesby	19	3	5	56	28	41
APIA	16	6	5	59	21	38
Nepean	15	4	8	59	42	34
Belmore	12	5	10	56	46	29
Wollongong	11	3	13	41	52	25
Syd. City	7	9	10	33	37	23
Nth. Sydney	8	6	13	35	44	22
Blacktown	4	7	16	28	62	15
Queens Park	6	2	19	30	74	14
Warringah	6	1	20	21	70	13
Polonia	4	2	23	22	68	10
Uni. NSW	2	4	20	23	81	8

FIRST DIVISION

St. George	20	4	3	77	20	44
Nth. Sydney	16	7	4	45	24	39
Wollongong	17	5	5	48	33	39
Syd. City	16	2	9	57	36	34
Polonia	13	6	8	57	46	32
Revesby	12	6	8	49	31	30
Nepean	12	2	13	54	40	26
Uni. NSW	10	6	11	45	40	26
Marconi	11	4	12	45	42	26
APIA	9	6	13	38	52	24
Belmore	8	8	11	29	53	24
Warringah	6	6	15	25	52	18
Blacktown	6	5	16	29	67	17
Olympic	6	4	17	29	51	16
Queens Park	3	5	19	25	66	11

GRADE 2

Sutherland	20	2	2	71	12	42
Bankstown	14	4	7	50	28	32
Blacktown	14	4	7	33	27	32
Croatia	14	3	8	40	27	31
Melita	11	7	7	33	22	29
Arncliffe	9	8	7	29	26	26
Auburn	10	6	9	30	32	26
Ku-ring-gai	9	7	8	34	30	25
Manly	7	10	8	25	25	24
Parramatta	8	7	10	28	27	23
Mv. Olympic	7	7	11	25	43	21
Monaro	6	5	14	25	38	17
Avala	7	1	16	26	46	15
Yugal	4	19	7	69	4	

GRADE 3

Sutherland	18	4	2	61	7	40
Auburn	16	5	2	51	18	37
Manly	15	5	4	68	18	35
Bankstown	13	8	3	34	26	34
Ku-ring-gai	11	6	6	47	21	28
Parramatta	11	6	6	38	30	28
Blacktown	8	7	6	38	31	23
Arncliffe	7	4	11	24	33	18
Croatia	6	3	14	28	44	15
Mv. Olympic	5	5	13	23	53	15
Melita	2	6	14	21	46	10
Avala	3	4	15	26	65	10
Yugal	2	5	15	15	68	9

But still, it's in the order of things to invite applications—and the clubs are responding.

Grange Thistle (Queensland), Blacktown City, Wollongong (both NSW), Canberra Diplomats, Preston and Melbourne Juventus are now eager to break in to the inner-sanctum of Australian soccer.

The day is fast approaching when the Philips League will have to decide what it can do to satisfy all legitimate aspirations of the clubs.

The alternative is to stick to a 14 or 16-team League for ever.

The most inhibiting factor is the huge growth in airfare costs, caused largely by escalating fuel prices.

The original budgeting of clubs has been knocked out of gear, especially when judged against the gate receipts and incomes from other sources.

One way to economise would be to zone the Philips League into East Coast and Southern divisions.

MANLY SEMINAR

Motivation of coaches was the theme of Manly-Warringah's second seminar held at Forestville HSL last week.

Local Director of Coaching, Richard Alagich had a big team of lecturers to cover a range of soccer subjects.

On the panel were Jack Maunders, Raul Blanco, Fred Wall, Dr. Stuart Watson, Brian Emery, David Lee, Cyril Jackson and Australian Director of Coaching Eric Worthington.

Manly-Warringah deserve congratulations for making two important breakthroughs.

Richard Alagich obtained Education Department approval for teachers' coaching courses.

Forty teachers applied. One series has been held, and the second batch drawn from both primary and high schools will attend a course later next month.

In addition, Manly-Warringah have appointed Terry Stone to carry out a continuing coaching program in local primary schools.

He will cover 25 of them on a one day a week basis.

If only Manly kids also had some superstars to look up to; everything else is going their way.

— K. Gilmour.

Top Pepsi State League Scorers

VALERI (Monaro).....	27
ALLAN (Melita).....	20
ABONYI (Croatia).....	16
BEGGS (Sutherland).....	15
HALL (Sutherland).....	13
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Hungary's tour?

Hungary will play a number of matches in Australia with their full international side early next year.

Joe Vlasits, just back from Budapest, revealed this on his return last weekend.

"The president of the Hungarian association, Gyorgy Szepesi told me the tour was all arranged.

"He asked me to seek the co-operation of the ASF to make sure that all the matches are played in the evenings and not on hot summer afternoons.

"Hungary is rebuilding its national team, under new coach Karoly Lakat and only last week they had a good 2-1 win over the very strong Czechoslovakia."

Vlasits also said the Hungarian FA officials had been surprised to hear that Joe Gelei was no longer in charge of St. George in Sydney.

"Szepesi said they had just given Gelei official permission to stay with St. George for another year and it was news to them that Gelei had been demoted to be in charge of the club's third team."

However, for the moment there appears to be no such plan.

So the new applicants must argue their case, together with the two relegated clubs, all decided next weekend.

Will there be 14, 15 or perhaps 16 teams next year?

Economics should favor 14 but according to the policy guidelines, geographical spread and other factors will be also considered.

Sixteen airfares for the additional trips caused by the presence of one or two extra teams is a burden but maybe a manageable one.

Unless potential is exploited while it's available, the outlook is grim indeed.

Say, for example, that the day had arrived for Hobart to make a viable application: would it be refused?

After all, Hobart's entry may not be that far away. The livewire national basketball association is bringing Tasmania in this year, with Tasmanian government financial support and sponsorship.

Looking at the 1980 PSL applicants, Grange Thistle are in the wings.

Lions are likely to dodge relegation so it remains to be seen if there will be any move after the Brisbane quota. The odds are heavily against it.

Blacktown are proudly bearing the banner of Sydney's outer western suburbs.

However, they would need to have a wider public support, in the Newcastle mould, to gain sufficient attendances though their keen officials are optimistic that they can achieve that.

Wollongong, not as well-heeled as some of their rivals, represent the biggest city in Australia outside the PSL, apart from Perth.

Their cash flow potential is close to unbeatable and they are certain of a favorable decision about the use of Wollongong Showground when the Trust meets on Sept. 25.

Wollongong has a tremendous soccer background and nobody should doubt that a good local team could produce some of the League's best

crowds on a regular basis.

The previous groups of administrators have been replaced by a bunch of smart businessmen and media executives.

Canberra Diplomats have wisely gone to the media in their battle to overcome the contention that Canberra City should be allowed more time to consolidate before facing opposition from within the city's area of influence.

The Diplomats are backed by the successful Italo-Australian club and the Marco Polo club of Canberra and Queanbeyan. Bruce Stadium would be used and quite a few Monaro players would make the grade.

Preston Makedonia have come forward with welcome support from the Preston City Council in their project for a \$500,000 ground in this North Melbourne suburb.

They have a strong base support and could join in their own right or replace any Melbourne team relegated and not re-admitted.

Melbourne Juventus, one-time giants of Victoria, are on the come-back trail but reports indicate that they are not up to Preston's level of readiness.

Frankston City, noting the full ramifications of a Philips League entry, have decided that they would defer their bid.

The big Parramatta move is halted on their Leagues club's \$12m. revamping of Cumberland Oval into a 35,000 stadium of American standards.

It's 1981 or 1982 what they are aiming for now.

Croatia of Sydney have opted out of the race, deterred by the threat that entry would mean an enforced change of their name.

And then there is the foreshadowed Cosmos-styled operation.

Despite some statements, the rationalising of the Sydney clubs is not just a matter of waving a few magic wands.

It needs some of the most capable and unbiased investigation and assessment if Sydney's soccer is to thrive in the 1980s, as thrive it must.

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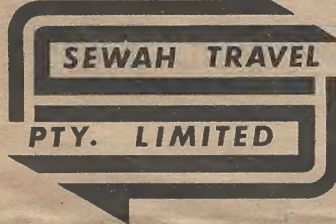
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SYDNEY CITY 1(1)	ST. GEORGE 1(1)	MARCONI 2(1)	ADEL CITY 1(0)	STH. MELBOURNE 4(0)	FOOTSCRAY 5(2)	BRISBANE LIONS 3(0)
HEIDELBERG 3(2)	NEWCASTLE 1(1)	OLYMPIC 0	WEST ADEL 0	BRISBANE CITY 0	APIA 1(1)	CANBERRA CITY 0(0)

Goals: 0-1 Taylor (11m), 1-1 Silva (31m), 1-2 Cole (45m), 1-3 Paton (60m).

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 3, Mullen 2, Bruce 2, O'Connor 2, Kershaw 3, Stevenson 2, Souness 3, Barnes 2, Campbell 2 (Pitakis 63m), Trenter 3, Silva 4. Coach: G. Chaldi.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 3, McMillan 4, Tansey 4, Yzendoorn 4, Bannan 4, Rooney 5, Taylor 5, Campbell 4, Cole 4, Paton 4, Buljevic 4. Coach: M. Poulakakis.

Referee: D. Nugent (Brisbane); Crowd: 1654; Cautions: Barnes, Bannan.

Heidelberg did what few teams have been able to do to Sydney City.

They not only beat them but they so frustrated and outplayed them that they reduced a potentially fluid team to a disjointed rabble who did everything except bump into each other in the confusion of their defeat.

Heidelberg, simply put, played modern football.

They kept possession at the back, controlled midfield and exploded in attack.

Their goals were sudden, swiftly executed and gloriously watched.

Taylor's opener left the small crowd buzzing for minutes.

A long through ball by Yzendoorn was chested down by Paton and sent curling, dipping into the far right corner from all of 30 metres by Taylor.

Amazingly, after totally dominating the first 20 minutes, Heidelberg seemed to want to play for time, and allowed City back into the game.

Although it was only a brief lapse by the southerners it almost proved costly when Silva ghosted through on the left to ram home Mullen's cross from two metres.

United played coolly - perhaps too coolly in the first half, but deservedly went ahead again when Rooney - legs still pumping away like pistons - sent Cole away past a cumbersome off-side trap to chip in number two.

The second half was all Heidelberg, and it was here that City began to look ordinary in defeat.

Whenever United broke, they created confusion.

They used space, playing the ball to where the player was running and not to a man who had a defender breathing down his neck.

Paton, Cole and Buljevic provided an efficient, skilled attack, while Rooney, Taylor and Campbell in midfield were all over their opponents.

Their third goal came from a monumental Mullen blunder, with Paton stealing in to slice the ball under Clarke.

- P. Dettre.

Goals: 1-0 Grosse (12m), 1-1 Boden (46m).

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 3, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 3, Katholos 4, R. O'Shea 2, Grosse 3 (Della Picca 61m), Hensman 2 (Fenoughty 75m), J. O'Shea 3, Gnavi 3, Cotton 3, O'Connor 3. Coach: R. Blanco.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 3, Willis 3, Curran 3, Sneddon 2, Senkalski 3, Drinkwater 3, Bertogna 3 (Jones 78m), McClelland 4 (Mason 78m), Boden 3, Heys 2, Tredinnick 3. Coach: A. Vest.

Referee: H. Witschge; Coach: 3017; Cautions: Katholos, J. O'Shea, Gnavi, Mason.

What do we have to do to win matches - this must be the season's call from the Saints' supporters but the answer has always been plain to see: simply convert the easy chances, which the sub-standard forward line has been missing all year.

Against Newcastle, the attack was no different. With the strong wind behind them, the Saints played intelligently for 30 minutes, keeping the ball on the ground and using the width of the pitch.

Katholos, who played well throughout, nearly put them in the lead after four minutes but after beating three defenders, his chip over Dando hit the bar.

John O'Shea drove a 30-metre freekick towards the top corner but somehow Dando got his hand to it, only five minutes later.

Grosse showed how it could be done when he headed home a clever overhead cross from Cotton in the 12th minute.

Having caused the Newcastle defence all sorts of trouble, the Saints suddenly took the pressure off by changing to a kick and rush style.

Then it became noticeable that Newcastle did have a forward line and Boden, finding some support at last, showed his skill.

Newcastle wasted only 20 seconds of the second half before Sneddon found McClelland in midfield and his immaculate 40-metre pass cut out the St. George defenders to find Boden, who slipped through to score easily.

After that it was back to the wall for St. George. When they lost Grosse with a head injury it seemed inevitable that they would succumb to the pressure.

However, Newcastle failed to capitalise on their domination and did not show much creativeness up front which would have opened up the St. George defence.

McClelland, until he was unaccountably replaced, did most of the promptings and though Jones hit the post in the 85th minute, Newcastle didn't really do enough to deserve both points.

- R. Dewick

Goals: 1-0 Byrne (20m, pen), 2-0 Sharne (79m).

MARCONI: Maher 4, Brogan 5, Degney 4, Russell 5, Prskalo 4, Henderson 3, Byrne 3, Jankovics 3, Sharne 4, Krncevic 4, Lindsay 3. Coach: L. Scheinflug.

OLYMPIC: Meier 4, McIntosh 3, Palmer 4, Bell 4, Wilson 4, Cross 3, Laing 3, Raskopoulos 4, Jamieson 3 (Eaton 46m), Jennings 3, Scott 3. Coach: J. Xipolitas.

Referee: T. Beazleigh; Crowd: 5400; Cautions: Byrne, Jennings.

A cautious start by both teams at times produced dull football.

Defences were having little trouble containing their opponents with Palmer, McIntosh and Bell making the star-studded Marconi attack look quite ordinary.

Palmer shadowed Sharne, giving him little room to move but Sharne showed how dangerous he can be when he broke after 20 minutes and Palmer was forced to bring him down in the box, with Byrne calmly converting the penalty.

Venturing into attack in the second half to retrieve their deficit, Olympic began to show gaps in their previously tight defence.

Brogan and Degney began to attack on the flanks, drawing the defence wide, leaving more room for their strikers, mainly Jankovics and Sharne to exploit.

Krncevic worked deeper and his long passes often set up many promising moves for the others.

One such pass put Sharne in the clear; he sprinted some 45 metres, then rounded the goalie to flash home an angled drive for a superb goal.

Marconi took a firm grip on the match and could have scored two or three more.

However, wild shooting, at times from close range, let them down.

Olympic's lack of firepower up front again caused their downfall.

They seemed to lack creative ideas and finishing touches to seriously bother the Marconi back four which repulsed all meek and haphazard Olympic raids without raising a sweat.

Although basically a defensive team, Olympic will find it hard to play for a 0-0 on Sunday in their survival battle with St. George, a 0-0 which would be enough for them.

Somehow they must contrive a way to get at least a goal to feel safer - but goals are precious and rare commodities with Olympic nowadays.

Still, the big occasion may just make them do it.

- A. Henderson.

Goal: 1-0 Northcote (86m).

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 5, (Migliaccio 61m), Russell 4, Perin 4, Dods 4, B. Nyskohus 5, Marocchi 4, Muniz 4, Northcote 4, Villani, (Deans 4, 33m), J. Nyskohus 4, Kent 4. Coach: R. Rasic.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 5, Tymoczyszyn 4, Pantaras 3, Dooley 4, Kambas 4, Jones 4, Kosmina 4, McCulloch 3, Norris 4, Honeyman 4, McGregor 4. Coach: T. Forde.

Referee: T. Davies (NSW); Crowd: 10,076; Cautions: Kambas, Dods.

Adelaide City are well back in the running for a Top Four berth following this second league success over Westad for the season.

As is the norm for these local confrontations, there was little between the teams, but finally it was the irrepressible Dixie Deans who swung the pendulum City's way.

The former Glasgow Celtic stalwart staged his long-awaited comeback in the 33rd minute of this game when he replaced injured youngster, Charlie Villani.

Deans looked a menace from his entry, but it was not until the final 30 minutes that he weaved his special brand of professional magic.

In that period he had three great shots stopped by Westad's brilliant goalkeeper, Martyn Crook and engineered four clear scoring chances for his colleagues.

The telling blow was struck four minutes from the final whistle when Deans snatched the ball away from Nick Pantaras and pushed it into the path of Brian Northcote who glided his drive into the net.

The move climaxed a great match which contained all the expected ingredients of skill, vigor, determination and quick-silver tempo.

The exciting contest was crammed with effort, above and beyond the call of duty, from both sides.

And both defences performed herculean feats in the, mostly successful, efforts to shackle the opposing strikers.

Westad were disadvantaged by the absence of their midfield dynamo Peter Boyle, who withdrew at the last minute because of flu, but his team-mates did their level best to compensate.

Westad captain, John Kosmina gave a classy, unselfish display, but City's back-four, Bugsy Nyskohus, Bobby Russell, John Perin and Glenn Dods, were in top form along with goalkeeper Peter Marshall and his able substitute, Rick Migliaccio.

Not unexpectedly, the match drew a 10,000 plus crowd.

- A. Crisp.

Goals: 1-0 Ristovski (60m), 2-0 Christopoulos (80m), 3-0 Evans (82m), 4-0 Evans (89m).

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Boland 4, Kalafatis 3, Davidson 4, Pye 3, Baxter 4, Wright 3, Kakantonis 4, Lutton 4, Christopoulos 4, Evans 4, Ristovski 4. Coach: J. Margaritis.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Rathmell 2, Perry 3, Gaffney 3 (Caldwell 70m), Campbell 4, Pimblett 4, Potter 3, Brusasco 3 (Kelso 63m), Ratcliffe 3, Coyne 4, Low 4. Coach: N. Saftich. Referee: S. Mellings (Vic); Crowd: 3,266; Cautions: Rathmell.

A boisterous northerly wind did not lead to nice neat football, and that was the way with most of the players, except for Bertie Lutton, who revelled in the game.

Many South clearances were travelling too straight downfield to gain possession, thus the wind was no advantage.

Very few balls were reaching Alun Evans and Christopoulos saw little of the ball during that first half.

At the 27th minutes Brusasco had a great show of putting his side in front, but his movements were too slow and the chance went begging.

Coyne had a couple of strong attacking moves, and one just before half-time topped the bar.

South looked as if they had blown the advantage of the wind, when on the resumption Kalafatis stumbled and let Potter through with Boland to the rescue in time.

Ristovski broke on the left wing, carrying the ball well into the penalty area, but wasted all the effort by selfishness.

Campbell of Brisbane attacked strongly only to see his shot go high over the bar.

South were beginning to work the ball via the wings, and this plan brought results on the hour.

Evans pushed through a fine pass to Ristovski, who stroked the ball past Wishart on the run.

South's further efforts seemed to be abortive, but with only 10 minutes of play left a freekick by Lutton found Christopoulos who scored with a twisting header.

South were now in full flight, with the Queenslanders seemingly powerless to hold the virile attack.

Evans read the game well at this stage, and the 82 minutes saw him position himself to notch the third goal from an unmarked spot.

Ristovski had his chance to gain an extra bonus, but struck the side netting.

It was Evans who did the deed with only one minute left for play, in a lively and thrilling second half display which had the local fans yelling for more.

- J. Stephen.

Goals: 1-0 Piciaone (7m), 1-1 O'Donnell (14m), 2-1 Ollerton (25m), 3-1 Palinkas (pen. 54m), 4-1 Rujevic (65m), 5-1 Palinkas (pen. 77m).

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 4, Ristic 3, O'Reilly 4, Kondarios 4, Hazabent 2, Rujevic 4, Ollerton 5, Jovanovic 4, Piciaone 4, Palinkas 4, Lujic 5. Coach: R. McLachlan.

APIA: Woodhouse 4, McGinn 3, Dempsey 4, Wilson 5, Turnbull 4, Stone 4, Rampanti 3, O'Donnell 4, Butler 3, Drews 2, Samuels 2 (Roberts 45m). Coach: R. Richards.

Referee: D. Campbell (S.A.); Crowd: 1100; Cautions: Turnbull, O'Reilly, Hazabent, Dempsey.

APIA were like putty in the hands of a more efficient and masterful Footscray on the smooth surface of Middle Park last Saturday.

Footscray's ball skills were too much for the opposition who still never gave up at any stage.

Ollerton's contribution had a large say in the smooth running of the Melbourne side after he laid on the first goal by putting Piciaone through after 7 minutes.

The Footscray defence were wrong-footed when O'Donnell drove hard and low for the equaliser in the 14th minute.

Footscray then started playing sparkling and intelligent football with APIA struggling to maintain team cohesion with only Stone and O'Donnell putting in any drive up front.

Lujic had started slowly early in the piece, but was giving McGinn a torrid session in going round him several times.

In one of these he crossed ideally for Ollerton to head home after 25 minutes.

Footscray were carving up the game superbly till half-time with Wilson-Dempsey and finally Woodhouse preventing any added score.

The substitution of Roberts for Samuel at half-time gave APIA added strength and O'Donnell tested out Potter early.

Another Lujic foray ended up with the post getting in the way, and later Rujevic set Lujic up once more to harass the APIA defence.

The efforts of Palinkas were rewarded to some extent when Peter Wilson accidentally handed in the box. Palinkas was given the resultant penalty kick to score at 54 minutes.

Woodhouse was still thrilling the crowd with some phenomenal keeping, but he had no chance with the fifth goal, a penalty, scored by Palinkas after Dempsey had brought down Lujic in the box.

- J. Stephen.

Goals: 1-0 Hughes (66m), 2-0 Hughes (86m), Brennan (89m).

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownes 4, Ontong 4, Hermonston 4, Bennett 4, Lavelle 3 (Lawrie 82m), Millman 4, Spearritt 4, Connor 3, Fairbrother 3, Brennan 3, Hughes 3. Coach: M. Carson.

CANBERRA CITY: Hoszowski 4, Moulis 3, Brown 4, Kawalewa 4, Milovanovic 3 (Bailey 66m), Farrell 3, Byrne 3, Davies 3, Lustica 2 (Williams 53m), McLaren 4, Hogg 4. Coach: V. Fernandez.

Referee: P. Rampley (NSW); Crowd: 1460;

Lions won this game mainly because they had two men in their side who epitomised the true spirit of lions.

Ontong and Millman, not the most skilful of players, ran and tackled to the limit of their endurance and this more than anything gave the home team an edge.

The first half followed the usual pattern, Canberra playing cautiously with young Hogg doing a marking job on Brennan, and plenty of men getting behind the ball when Lions attacked.

Attack they did, but always there were signs of desperation in their work and half-time came with little to enthuse over.

The pattern remained after the break but suddenly everything changed.

Brennan took a quick throw to Ontong who wasted no time in hoisting a high cross to Hughes who ever so casually controlled the ball, took a few steps, and rifled the ball home.

Canberra reacted by throwing Brown and Kawalewa into the middle and we had a game as play roared from end to end.

The crowd came to life and for 20 minutes were treated to a spectacle.

Then came the old "one-two" punch that killed off Canberra.

Hughes repeated his earlier scoring effort in an almost identical manner and then Brennan belted home a 20-metre shot.

With these points many weeks of agony ended for Lions.

They are not only safe from relegation but may finish fairly high on the table.

Canberra were disappointing; completely without any attacking ideas and flair.

It is just as well that early in the season they collected enough points to stay safe in the relegation battle.

For Lions, tall midfielder Hughes found his goal touch just at the right time.

Brennan, of course, is now regularly among the goals, something that should please the national coach.

- J. Binnie.



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• Marshall, who was hobbling on a crutch on Sunday night and Charlie Villani (calf injury), could be in doubt for City's vital game against Brisbane Lions at the Olympic Sports Field on Sunday.

• St.George have given up hope for Ken Boden as they refuse to meet the \$30,000 transfer demand of Newcastle.

• Saints will move into a Motel on Saturday to prepare for Sunday's vital match against Olympic.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Footscray's brilliant 5-1 win over APIA marked a lot of firsts. It was the first time Footscray scored more than three goals in a match, that APIA conceded more than three and that Footscray earned a bonus point. In their previous 12 home games, Footscray have bagged 12 goals only.

• St.George and their marketing manager, Alan Barton, last week parted company.

• Doug Utjesenovic, the ex-Socceroo star of St.George, has a new job: he works for a Yugoslav newspaper, "Novostny".

• South Melbourne's coach Manny Poulakakis is planning to return to live in Greece.

• Poulakakis last Sunday: "We now have balance in the team, balance and character. We also want to play entertaining football, not just winning".

• Jimmy Tansey, Heidelberg: "Poulakakis made a tremendous difference to our team. He treats players as adults, unlike some other coaches we had before".

• Brandon Grosse is really out of luck: four weeks ago he broke his wrist; last Sunday he broke his nose and will be out of action again.

• Gerry Chaldi, Sydney City: "Our form slump came as a shock, after a few good displays. But we deserved to lose".

• Kevin Mullen, Sydney City: "I still don't know how I committed that blunder before the third goal. Heidelberg is a classy team — they played the way we used to".

• Joe Watson, Sydney City's diminutive star winger, missed last week's game as he was in bed with flu.

• APIA is believed to have contract wrangles with young Greg Woodhouse and the future of the brilliant goalie is in doubt.

• APIA manager, Tony Racit: "We had many angry calls at the club on Sunday and Monday, after our 1-5 defeat. Naturally, our fans were upset; some even asked me sarcastically how much we sold the match for. Let me say this: Footscray were absolutely brilliant, especially Lujic, Ollerton and Picioane. The score could have been 1-9...."

• At the request of Olympic, their Sunday home match against St.George has been transferred from Barton Park to the more neutral Marconi Stadium.

• All seven matches in the last round of the PSL this weekend will have referees from interstate.

• Bobby McLachlan was positively beaming after his team's bonus point win. His comment: "Footscray have shown this promise, and even in their 2-1 defeat by Brisbane City could easily have scored four goals by half-time. They obtained value for their skills today.

• Vic Fernandez, Canberra: "I felt we were always in the game until those crushing final minutes when the extra goals made us look a poor side on the record books. I thought we were well served by young Hogg who did a good job on Brennan and when we were running well John Brown and Kenny Kawalewa did some great work".

• Mat Carson, Lions: "Very happy with the result. The team fought themselves to a standstill and are at last beginning to believe in themselves. The man of the match for my money was Millman who never stopped harassing the skilled men in Canberra's midfield. All in all a satisfying result, but obviously there is much still to be done".

• Adelaide City's second string goalkeeper Rick Migliaccio emerged from his PSL baptism against Westad with flying colors last Sunday. Migliaccio, 18, has been bench-warming all season and part of last year, but his big chance came in the 61st minute of Sunday's tense local derby when Peter Marshall injured a knee as he collided with Westad's Garie Dooley. The youngster displayed veteran-like confidence and capped his debut with a great acrobatic save from a long range shot by Nick Pantsaras.



St.George's classy striker Roy Cotton (right) asking for the help of a masseur to attend to team-mate Robert O'Shea in last week's match against Newcastle KB United.



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"I can see a match against Yugal which will perhaps be the most torrid of the year," said Arncliffe Scots secretary Dave Dorian.

"I just hope that the torridness remains on the field — and at a 'friendly' level as well.

"There really is no other way of looking at the match than as a relegation battle.

"Both teams started off with so much promise, and now are locked in a dour battle to stave off the dreaded 'drop'.

"I think all of our committee men have lit candles for the past week or so leading up to this clash with Yugal.

"I just hope we don't jam it up," Dave said.

"Hopefully, we will have a full team for the game, although there is a cloud hanging over Frank Hall's ability to play, with a suspension looming in the foreground," he added.

AUBURN

"We have been realistic and are now looking to next year in our plans and programs," said Auburn's president Ron Bowman.

"As far as Auburn is concerned, the season only has any relevance for our third grade who are in the top four.

"The first team and seconds will now be winding down after a very long and arduous season.

"Management wise, I have some ideas that I want to toss around with the committee for the restructuring of the club set-up.

"My theme is continuity," Ron said.

"We must have a set-up where all the coaches and team managers are thinking along the same lines.

"Eventually the young lads are going to be called upon to move up into the grade teams.

"We must have a sound youth structure which 'educates' the boys to accept this.

"Too often we see promising 16-year-olds fade in third grade because they don't know how to handle the extra competitiveness and pressure.

"I think many other clubs could also do well to take a close, hard look at themselves in the off season and tighten up on their administration," Ron added.



"We can't make the four, but we are determined to play some part in deciding who is in the four," an Avala official said last week.

"A lot of our supporters, and the general soccer public, were surprised by Blacktown's sudden rise.

"They feel that it was Blacktown who put us out of the race, and they want the team to 'punish' City as a result.

"I know the players are very disappointed about the failure to make the semis.

"At one stage we looked fairly set.

"But I think it was a measure of how tight the com-

petition was this year that positions switched around so suddenly from week to week," he said.

"This week there will be plenty at stake, and we want to show that next year Avala will again be a force in the State League," he added.



"Our youngsters have been neglected for a long time, but now they are receiving a lot of justifiable attention," said Blacktown's Stan Peck.

"The young kids always need to know they are appreciated when they are playing, and that is why I was very pleased last week at an Under 12 Grand Final.

"Our youngsters were playing in the Federation Youth league Cup Grand Final against Marconi, and there was a full turn out of our first team players and management to watch the game.

"The match was played at the Gabbie Soccer Stadium, and the young lads were really chuffed that they had drawn the big boys out to watch them in action.

"Obviously it helped, because we won 2-1 after extra time.

"It was a very tight match, and I think went further to prove to us all that we do have some talented lads at that age who could easily make it into the big time with proper, dedicated coaching.

"The Under 12 team is coached by our first grade defender Paul Thompson, and this is what we like to see in the club - a good spirit where people who have a talent use it and don't let it go to waste," Stan said.

"By the way, the two scorers for our team were Leo Pucar and Keith James - perhaps two names to watch for in future years," he added.



"You don't have to tell us that this week club managers, coaches and officials will be working out every possible permutation for this week's round," a Blacktown City official said.

"Because we have been doing the same thing!

"It is a three way battle, and the phones will be running hot all afternoon between the three grounds.

"I think it is very sensible to have the last round matches all played on the one day as it doesn't give an unfair advantage to any one team.

"We have to play Avala, a side for who we have a lot of respect.

"They are a good soccer team, and there is no way Mick Jones will allow any slip ups after we have come so far.

"In fact all we need is one point.

"That would take us out of range of Sutherland, and we would be home and hosed," he said.

"No matter what other teams are in the semis, it is going to be the most even, exciting series in the past three years," he added.



"The sudden turn-about in form by teams in the upper half of the table has surprised us," said Croatia coach Atti Abonyi.

"Who would have expected Blacktown to be in such a position at this stage of the competition.

"Six or seven weeks ago they were nowhere.

"Now they could be a serious challenge to the other three teams in the top four.

"I know the final composition of the 'four' has not been decided, but I still feel that Sutherland could make it.

"They haven't been having too good a time recently, but they have too much talent not to get in.

"If they do, I see them as the toughest team to beat.

"They love pressure soccer, where your chances hinge on one result to the next.

"Their fighting qualities are quite superb as we all saw last year.

"Of course we can't discount Monaro either, for they have two quality players in Giampaolo and Valeri, and a solid support behind them.

"Anybody who makes this year's top four will be hard to beat.

"It is going to be far more open than in the past two years, and I think this will only be a benefit to the game, by improving the entertainment value for spectators," Atti said.



"We have had a very good run in our first season up, and I feel that part of the reason has been the excellent performances of the older players in the team," said Ku-ring-gai's coach Frank Malone.

"I'm not knocking the youngsters — they did a fine job.

"But without the older heads we would have been lost in our inaugural year.

"Players like Dick Chambers, Bobby Hogg, Jimmy Herron and Brian Taylor held the side together through the rough patches and capitalised on the good runs to press home the advantage.

"Brian Taylor has been the 'discovery' of the year.

"He joined us mainly to keep active outside his successful business, and now he is the first team goalie.

"It would not be an exaggeration to say that several matches have been saved by his performances.

"Brian really is on a second stage to his career, and at present would be one of the top two or three goalies in the Pepsi League," Frank said.

"Then we have Dick Chambers in the backline, guiding youngsters like Vousden and Robertson.

"In midfield we have Hogg, and up front Jimmy Herron, still playing with enough class to win a match by himself.

"Too many teams come straight up from second division with a bunch of raw, enthusiastic kids, and spend the whole season battling against relegation.

"We were determined we would not face that task, and we didn't," Frank added.



"I know it might sound like a smug attitude to take, but we are safe," a Manly official said last week.

"The team has been picking up points regularly in the past few weeks, and this has almost certainly been because of the great survival spirit within the club.

"Bankstown are by no means an easy team to toss, and for us to win 2-0 at such a stage of the competition with the relegation spectre haunting every game, was a credit to the team coach and the players.

"We face Monaro this week, and it would be lovely to take their scalps and try and finish further away from the bottom.

"I was pleased with the fact we scored two goals, because it moved us away from the odious honor of having the worst attack - we are now one goal better than Yugal.

"Our defence has one of the best records in the league.

"Part of the reason for our demise has not been that we have lost by huge scores, but that we conceded silly goals.

MY OLYMPIC

"The season for Marrickville is over this year," an official of Olympic said last week.

"It has been a profitable season in some ways, and yet disappointing in others.

"Now we must look to the future," he said.

"It has been said by other club spokesmen before, but I think it warrants repeating that we are aiming to establish ourselves in the Canterbury-Marrickville area.

"It is home to us, and we want the people to support us.

"One of our aims is to build up something like the Canterbury Kids of old.

"They were household names, and they played attractive, entertaining soccer.

"We want to tap into the youth of our area and try and reproduce that aura.

"We may not produce another 'Kids' but we will have a go at forming a local orientated team.

"The present team is an ideal core around which to build.

"Our last match means nothing, but we would still like to go out on a winning note," he added.



"We are on the way again," exclaimed a relieved and happy Melita president Emmanuel Said last week.

"Our form has picked up, and we are looking forward to taking on Croatia this week.

"I don't think the Pepsi League could have been better stage-managed this year if they had called in professionals," Emmanuel said.

"The last round will decide both who will play in the top four and who will be relegated.

"The only teams certain of a place in the four are Croatia and Monaro.

"Sutherland, Blacktown and us all have a chance of the four.

"Admittedly, we have the seemingly toughest draw, facing Croatia.

"But they have hit a slump and have only been able to scrape draws in the past few weeks.

"Everybody is saying that they have stopped playing because they know the title is theirs.

"We grant them that, and they are worthy champions.

"All we have to do is win our match - or even force a draw and we are almost certainly home.

"I know our fans will be treating the match like a Grand Final," he added.



"There is little else that can be talked of in the ACT and Queanbeyan at present except the formation of the Diplomats," said Inter Monaro's PR officer Wendy York.

"At present there seems to be two large camps facing each other; the Diplomats, who are arguing for inclusion into the PSL, and Canberra City, who are fighting against that move.

"City officials have really been working flat out against us.

"In fact, some people have been saying City officials haven't been so busy since the club was first formed," Wendy said.

"We do not want to fight City.

"We know and appreciate what Canberra City has done for soccer in the area.

"But they should realise that the game needs a recharge if we are to keep the interest alive.

"We don't want soccer to become staid and cautious like in Sydney and Melbourne. "It must be bold and daring.

"Having two 'Canberra' teams would be the biggest boost to the game in the city since the opening of the Bruce Stadium.

"There is already a natural antagonism - like there is in so many major soccer cities around the world - and this would ensure that our meetings would be highlights of the soccer year.

"Also, I feel, as does the club, that our presence would force City to get back to their initial progressiveness.

"We feel they abandoned the local experienced players too quickly, and they are paying the price, with standards and crowds dropping off.

"We won't," she added.

P-MATTA

"I don't mind admitting it when it is true, but we played some terrible football against Auburn, and I think they would admit their standard wasn't too high either," said Parramatta's Bob Wall.

"We just never seem to be able to have free flowing matches against Auburn.

"Perhaps it is their style, perhaps the local derby tradition, but those games are always dour affairs, won by the team that makes the fewest mistakes.

"Auburn played percentage football, and really the only thing between the two sides was the excellent performance of John MacDonald.

"He was outstanding and without him the match would have been a draw.

"Our lack of success can be put down to simple errors which we make week after week.

"Our back line which is so solid normally, tends to relax or lose concentration and before we realise it, the opponents have scored.

"Our young goalie Ian Barker has been showing great signs this year, but he still needs work.

"One area which he could improve dramatically is his talking.

"He seems to be a bit reticent at times - perhaps because his defenders are older, but I still tell him to get stuck into the 'oldies' with some tongue lashing and firm orders, because he can see far more of what is going on.

"I'm sure this will come with time, and he will develop into a fine goalie," Bob said.

SUTHERLAND

"We must go flat out in our last match, and we have faith in the ability of the team to pull us into the top four," a Sutherland official said last week.

"We face Ku-ring-gai while the other teams in with a chance - Melita and Blacktown - have tougher draws.

"Melita's chances are the slimmest of the lot," he said.

"They have to play Croatia and win.

"If they draw and we win, our better goal difference will see us through.

"Blacktown only needs a point from their match.

"With 32 points they would be comfortably in the top bracket.

"Also their goal difference is much better than those of teams just below them, and in fact it would take a heavy defeat of Blacktown by Avala to put them out.

"Of course everything hinges on our performance.

"We want to be in the top four on our own merits first and foremost.

"I agree we have not played our best football consistently this year.

"In patches we were brilliant, and at times we weren't capable of putting two passes together.

"The four goal win last week has certainly boosted team spirit, and with our traditional fighting qualities I think we will be there to defend our trophy," he added.



"We are hoping for a good turn-out to support the team in this critical clash with Arncliffe," said a Yugal official last week.

"We just can't afford to go down.

"There is too much at stake in the club.

"We have put money into the clubhouse, and we are trying to build up something which our supporters can call 'home'.

"Also there is that dread that once we go down, we may never come back up.

"History points against it - just look at the famous names that went down and disappeared into suburban soccer.

"Prague is gone, Sydney Austral is no more, Concordia is in a lower division and so the list goes on.

"We feel we still have a lot to offer the game, and we are determined to win this weekend.

"We won't go to any lengths - but we will certainly put everything into this last game," he said.



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BLACKTOWN CITY v YUGAL 1-0(1-0)

Blacktown City completely dominated the first half and Yugal the second one in a tense struggle at Gable Stadium. In the end, Blacktown ran out rather lucky 1-0 victors. Blacktown's Alan Fisher and Ricky Hormazabal both had chances in the first 15 minutes and only bad luck kept them off the scoresheet. Both received just rewards however, by being strongly involved in the only goal of the game. In the 22nd minute Fisher sent in a long cross, which Rick Hormazabal hit on the volley; Yugal 'keeper Peter Barry failed to take the shot cleanly and Neil Pearson hammered home the rebound from 8 metres and from an acute angle. In the second half Yugal surprised everybody with their enterprise. In the first minute a close header from Prgomelja bounced on the top of the crossbar and the rebound shot from Travini was saved by

James. Yugal continued to press strongly and with threat of relegation looming nearer, were unlucky not to even the score. Prgomelja and Travini provided many opportunities but Bruce James was equal to the task. Duarte once saw his header hit the underside of the bar and then the beaten James fell on the ball and save a certain goal with his feet.

BLACKTOWN: James 4, Pena 3, Taylor 4, Pointer 3, Parkhouse 5, Hormazabal 3, Harding 4, Fisher 3, Izatt 3, Thompson 3, Pearson 3.

YUGAL: Berry 3, Radovac 3, Tanoski 3 (Karafiloski 71m), Coton 4, Novakovic 3, Prgomelja 4, Duarte 3, Travini 3 (Kumar 80m), Morsello 4, Martinez 3, Delaney 3.

Goal: Pearson (22m).

Referee: G. King; **Crowd:** 279.

— D. Clark.

AVALA v KU-RING-GAI 1-0(1-0)

Avale took both points in a close match where defences came out on top. Peter Ahrens in the Avale goal had a good game and saved a Graham Firrell shot in the second minute. At the other end, Brian Taylor did well with a spinning ball from Neil Williams. Avale went ahead in the 28th minute when Taylor was deceived by a ball rebounding from the post and Barry Young was there to chest it home. In the 56th minute Taylor thwarted another scoring chance by Young, saving a hard 18 metre drive. Ahrens made three good saves within 12 minutes, two from Jimmy Herron and

one from Dave Hardaker. Ken Smith should have saved a point for Ku-ring-gai nine minutes from the end when he shot straight at Ahrens.

AVALA: Ahrens 4, Bateman 4, Dellar 4, Barton 3, R. Griffith 3, Williams 4, Djuricic 2 (A. Griffith 78m), Rnjak 3, Young 3, Kodor 3, Patterson 2.

KU-RING-GAI: Taylor 3, S. Williams 4, Hogg 2 (Birchell 46m), Robertson 3, Chambers 4, Vouden 3, Geekie 2, Hardaker 3, Firrell 4, Herron 3, K. Smith 3.

Goal: Young (28m).

Referee: K. Small; **Crowd:** 488.

— G. Streeter.

MELITA v MONARO 3-1(2-0)

Melita Eagles, knowing quite well they had to win to keep in the semifinal race, turned on some excellent football to beat the equally skilful Monaro at Garside Park. Stoppers-midfielders Vernon Darvill and Howard Hadley were at the top of their form with a superb performance of backing up play, distribution and a tremendous job in containing the ever eager Monaro attack. With the game only four minutes old, Darvill, always behind the forwards, headed in the first goal as he stood unmarked close to the near post past goalkeeper Laurie Palec. He set up the second goal from nearly the same situation, but instead of lunging to score, he chipped the ball to the better

positioned Don Allan to give the Eagles a commanding two goal lead at half-time. But Monaro bounced back into the game with a penalty well taken by their star forward Walter Valeri.

MELITA: Bracklow 4, McDonald 4 (Ver-veris 87m), Mikas 4, Yamine 4, Hadley 4, Darvill 4, Parker 4, McAusland 3, Allan 4, Griffiths 4, Jones 3.

MONARO: Palec 4, Crawford 3, Depadi 4, Noble 4, Santolin 4, Falzon 4, Morsello 3, Bourke 3, Giampaolo 4, Valeri 4, Heywood 4 (Trajanoski 65m).

Goals: 1-0 Darvill (4m), 2-0 Allan (35m), 2-1 Valeri (48 pen), 3-1 Allan (80m pen).

Referee: A. Boskovic; **Crowd:** 2653.

— C. Spiteri.

MANLY v BANKSTOWN 2-0(1-0)

A rebuilt Manly team, with emphasis on attack, continued their improvement. Bankstown again showed their incredible inconsistency by giving a dour display, never really looking like scoring. Manly grabbed the early lead when Nawalu slipped the ball past Greedy after getting a great pass from Chapman. Bankstown, led by Lee tightened-up their game to some extent but lacked the fire up front to worry the Manly defence. Jack's goal was Manly's best of the season. He shot from five metres outside the box, beating Greedy

all the way. There was little difference between the teams in midfield but Manly was the side that more eagerly looked for the goals — and got them.

MANLY: Cassatarri 4, Wilson 2, Doyle 3, Dick 3, Townsend 3, Stuart 4, Chapman 2, Jack 4, Nawalu 3, McVeigh 3, Rogers 4.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 3, Thompson 3, Lynch 3, Beater 4, Rootsey 4, Morrison 3, Porter 2, Lee 4, Butler 3, Tansley 3 (Wilson 64m), Daley 3.

Goals: 1-0 Nawalu (6m), 2-0 Jack (76m).

Referee: B. Fowler; **Crowd:** 580.

— G. Bashford.

CROATIA v MV.OLYMPIC 0-0

In a hard but reasonably clean match, Marrickville Olympic gained a valuable point against the champions. Both teams went flat out early and, not unexpectedly, tired in the final 15 minutes. The match could have gone either way: Croatia had the better play in the first half but after the interval, Olympic had enough opportunities to clinch victory. In fact, they could have been in the lead two minutes into the game when Ramisch had to hurry his close shot in the goalmouth. Later the ball was cleared on the Croatia goal-line on two occasions in the second half. Marrickville tended to slow the game down by holding onto the ball and this helped the Croatia defence to reposition. Olympic missed their reliable defender

Norm Penman, serving a suspension. Greg Smith for Croatia and Sheldrick for Olympic had outstanding games. Greg Brown also had another good match while Croatia's attacking midfielder Bruno Cagalj had a great first half.

CROATIA: Watson 4, Kroha 4, Mullen 3, Cagalj 4, Smith 5, Rezo 3, Sullivan 2 (Johns 46m), Savor 3, Abonyi 3, Kovacic 3, Coates 3.

MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC: El Zein 4, G. Brown 4, Bosganos 3, Doyle 3, Sheldrick 5, Kable 4, Binos 2, Wignall 3, R. Brown 3, Thomson 4, Ramish 3.

Referee: R. Lorenz; **Crowd:** 1841.

— E. de Mesquita.

SUTHERLAND v PARRAMATTA 4-0(3-0)

Sutherland beat Parramatta to keep their hopes alive for the semifinals. Four goals and two rebounds were sufficient to show the difference between the two teams. The first close shave came in the 18th minute when Peter Wykes headed against the post after having made a great run on the left. In the 22nd minute Basterfield found himself in a good position and took his chance to put Sutherland in the lead. In the 32nd minute Craig Hall robbed the 'keeper of a ball and centred to Bobby Smith to head wide. A few minutes later Barker made a good save from a corner. Just before halftime Sutherland stretched their lead when Mark Harrington leapt high to head in the ball from a freekick. One minute later a great attacking move involving almost the whole Sutherland team put Hall

through and he gave Barker no chance, to make it 3-0. In the second half Parramatta played a bit better and Sutherland were content to hold the result. After being twice saved by the woodwork, Parramatta conceded their fourth goal when Basterfield finished off a good move.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 3, Wykes 4, Hesford 3, B. Smith 5, Dal Forno 3, Schumar 3, Harrington 4, Meades 5, Beggs 4, Basterfield 5, Hall 5.

PARRAMATTA: Barker 4, Barron 3, Had-dock 3, Lackey 2, O'May 2, Selfridge 3, Mitchell 3, Forwood 2, Morrow 4, Brizuela 2, Link 3.

Goals: 1-0 Basterfield (22m), 2-0 Harrington (40m), 3-0 Hall (41m) 4-0 Basterfield (78m).

Crowd: 418.

— G. de la Scerri.

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One to go down:
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Croatia, Monaro — and who else? This is the question before the last round in the Pepsi State League which will decide the composition of the semifinals.

Most correctly and properly, the last round will be played on the same day — a practice the PSL should have also adopted.

NSW FIRST

— By Charles Spiteri —

St.George wrapped up the first division championship with a narrow 2-1 over their PSL rivals Sydney Olympic but the battle for promotion will not be decided until the final round this weekend.

In a bold effort to overtake North Sydney, Wollongong played three matches in eight days scoring 10 goals and conceding only three and are now on equal points with Norths.

In the last round, Wollongong will meet competition wooden-spooners Queens Park at Berkely while Norths have one of their toughest games against Revesby at Milperra.

With two wins against Queens Park, Polonia are also making a last minute ditch to catch up with Sydney City in fourth position on the table. Anito Budini scored four goals this weekend against the wooden-spooners.

Gordon Mackin returned to the scoring list with two good goals against APIA in Revesby's 3-1 win.

For the second week running, Ron Corry left his goal at Marconi to come up and score from the penalty spot. This helped Marconi thrash Warringah 4-1.

In an effort to escape the bid drop, Blacktown played some of their best football to down University, scraping in with a 2-1 win, thus overtaking Sydney Olympic.

There is some doubt about PSL clubs being relegated, that is if the competition stays the same next season.

GOALS: Kelly (pen); Boland, Burtenshaw

UNI OF NSW: Ridings, Sakett, McGinn, Popovich, Hughes, Pengally, Kelly, Kay, Grahame, Benecke, Byrnes.

COACH: R. Harbour.

BLACKTOWN: Turco, Ramisch, Vincent, Aldridge, Sutton, Clarke, Young, McCoy, Boland and Svarc. **COACH:** C. James.

QUEENS PARK.....1
POLONIA.....4

GOALS: Innes; A. Budini (2), Wozniczka, Crothers

QUEENS PARK: Spittle, Bell, Coyle, Finneran, Chapman, Stenning, Thiele, Mitchell, Sweeney, Griffiths, Innes.

COACH: R. Campana

POLONIA: Greenfield, Pesa (R. Budini), Svigelj, Rylands, Crothers, Pietryzk, Wozniczka, A. Budini, Sookee, Bradley, Strzelecki. **COACH:** S. Wozniczka.

REVESBY.....3
APIA.....1

GOALS: Mackin (2), Gill

REVESBY: Donovan, Hargreaves, Patterson, Adams, Pittman, Byles, Thomas, Gill, Mackin, McGovern, Copaz. **COACH:** G. Byles.

APIA: Radjovic, Jordan, Laws, Pappas, Laws, Gaitatzis, Dalton, Palmer, Cascone, Vernon, Dawson. **COACH:** R. Ferguson.

NORTH SYDNEY.....3
SYDNEY CITY.....0

GOALS: A. Bottalico, Walker, Leyden.

NORTH SYDNEY: Lilli, Walker, Matheson (Martinuzzi), Miller, Henratty, Mitchell, J. Bottalico, A. Bottalico, Leyden, Richards, O'Rourke (Maiorana). **COACH:** P. Bottalico.

SYDNEY CITY: Poulton, McGrouther, Webber, Rodgers, Whiteman, Illingworth, Sorge, Borges, Dickinson, Silva, Svyynos. **COACH:** J. Hughes.

POLONIA.....2
QUEENS PARK.....1

GOALS: A. Budini (2); Sweeney.

Polonia: Greenfield, Pesa, Fitzsimmons (R.Budini), Svigelj, Rylands, Crothers, Pietryzk, A. Budini, Strzelecki, Sookee. **COACH:** S. Wozniczka.

Queens Park: Spittle, Bell, Finneran, Coyle, Chapman, Stenning, Thiele, Mitchell, Sweeney, Griffiths, Innes. **COACH:** R. Campana.

ST.GEORGE.....2
SYDNEY OLYMPIC.....1

GOALS: Duarte, Davies; Michail

St.George: Wotten, Skeen, M.O'Shea, Clarke, Terry.

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among the goals, could cause an upset.


Monaro, at home, are likely to be too strong for Manly especially if goleador Valeri has shaken off the effects of his recent illness.

Blacktown, having surged into third spot, won't have an easy game against Avale but need at least one point to stay in the semifinals.

There is little doubt that Blacktown have the class and the experience; Harding, Izatt, Hormazabal, Pena and Fisher could play in the PSL.

The big question mark is Sutherland whose last game is against Ku-ring-gai.

Sutherland can certainly win — but even then need one team above them to falter to make the last four.



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Mv.Olympic v. Parramatta..... Arlington
Ku-Ring-Gai v. Sutherland..... Seymour Shaw
Yugal v. Arncliffe..... Concord
Melita Eagles v. Croatia..... Garside Park
Avale v. Blacktown City..... Knight Park

FIRST DIVISION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

North Sydney v.Revesby..... Milperra
Syd.Olympic v. Nepean..... Cook Park
Warringah v. Uni.of NSW..... Boondah Reserve
Wollongong v. Queens Park..... Berkeley
St.George v Polonia..... Chopin Park
Marconi v. Sydney City..... Marconi Stadium
Belmore v. Blacktown..... Francis Park
APIA..... Bye.

NEXT WEEK:

Pepsi State League semifinals, on Sunday and Monday; details decided later this week.

FIRST DIVISION SEMIFINALS:

Sunday, September 30, 1 v 3 Cook Park, 2 v 4 Francis Park.

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WORLD NEWS



EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

A disappointing display by an unimpressive England against Denmark at Wembley, a lively Scottish 1-1 draw with Peru and Greece's win over the USSR highlighted last week's internationals in Europe.

Perhaps Greece stole the show from all others; with their 1-0 win over the Soviets in Athens, the Greeks have won their group in the European Championship qualifying rounds.

Kevin Keegan scored England's only goal against the great little Danes.

In Glasgow, Peru's goalie Acasuzo gave a brilliant performance to keep the Scots out who had to be content with a 1-1 draw.

Asa Hartford scored for Scotland in the third minute and Peru equalised in the 85th minute by Leguia.

In another friendly at Nvireovhaza, Hungary beat Czechoslovakia 2-1, with the new manager Karoly Lakat introducing five newcomers to a very young Hungarian team.

Results of last week's European Championship games:

England v Denmark 1-0
Norway v Belgium 1-2
Iceland v East Germany 0-3
Switzerland v Poland 0-2
Greece v USSR 1-0

These are now the standings, remaining matches and positions in the various groups:

GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
England	5	4	1	—	13	4	9
N.Ireland	6	3	1	2	6	9	7
Eire	5	1	3	1	6	5	5
Denmark	7	1	2	4	13	14	4
Bulgaria	5	1	1	3	3	9	3

Oct. 17: Eire v Bulgaria
Oct. 17: N.Ireland v England
Oct. 31: Bulgaria v Denmark
Nov. 21: England v Bulgaria
Nov. 21: N.Ireland v Eire
Feb. 6: England v Eire

England are favorites to win through and could clinch first place at Belfast.



Dalglish, Scotland



West German striker Klaus Fischer.

GROUP 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Austria	6	3	2	1	11	5	8
Portugal	4	3	1	0	5	2	7
Belgium	5	1	4	0	5	4	6
Scotland	4	2	0	2	9	6	4
Norway	7	0	1	6	4	17	1

Oct. 17: Belgium v Portugal
Oct. 17: Scotland v Austria
Nov. 1: Portugal v Norway
Nov. 21: Belgium v Scotland
Nov. 21: Portugal v Austria
Feb. 6: Scotland v Portugal
In 1980: Scotland v Belgium

Portugal's position is the best especially as the Austrians will have to play their remaining games away but a win in Lisbon could still make the Austrians qualify.

GROUP 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Spain	4	3	1	0	10	3	7
Rumania	4	1	2	1	6	6	4
Y'slavia	3	0	1	2	6	5	2
Cyprus	3	0	1	2	1	9	1

Oct. 10: Spain v Yugoslavia
Oct. 31: Yugoslavia v Rumania
Nov. 14: Yugoslavia v Cyprus
Nov. 18: Rumania v Cyprus
Dec. 9: Cyprus v Spain

Yugoslavia have folded up; a home win by Spain over the Yugos would give them an unbeatable lead. And this is exactly what is likely to happen.



Juanito, Spain

GROUP 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Holland	6	5	0	1	16	3	10
Poland	5	4	0	1	10	2	8
E.Germ.	5	4	0	1	10	5	8
Switzerl.	7	2	0	5	5	13	4
Iceland	8	0	0	8	2	19	0

Sept. 26: Poland v E.Germany
Oct. 10: Poland v Iceland
Oct. 13: E.Germany v S'land
Oct. 17: Holland v Poland
Nov. 21: E.Germany v Holland

Theoretically, any of the top three could still win the group. The Poles should win their two home matches and the issue could be decided in the last encounter; somehow, one still favors the powerful Dutch to make it.

GROUP 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
France	5	3	1	1	11	6	7
Czechos.	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
Sweden	4	1	1	2	7	8	3
Luxemb.	4	0	0	4	1	12	0

Oct. 10: Czechosl. v Sweden
Oct. 23: Luxemburg v Sweden
Nov. 17: France v Czechoslovak
Nov. 17: France v Czechosl.
Nov. 24: Czechosl. v L'bourg

With their recent 3-1 win in Stockholm, France has come back into calculations but Czechoslovakia, with two likely home wins, should be able to finish first even if they do lose in Paris.



Platini, France

GROUP 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greece	6	3	1	2	13	7	7
Finland	4	2	1	1	7	10	5
USSR	5	1	2	2	5	6	4
Hungary	5	1	2	2	6	8	4

Oct. 17: Hungary v Finland
Oct. 31: USSR v Finland

A tremendous success for Greece: unless the Finns take three points from their two away matches, the Greeks have won the group. The two "greats", Hungary and USSR are out of the race.

GROUP 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wales	4	3	0	1	10	2	6
W.Germ.	3	1	2	0	2	0	4
Turkey	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Malta	4	0	1	3	1	11	1

Oct. 17: W.Germany v Wales
Oct. 28: Malta v Turkey
Nov. 21: Turkey v Wales
Dec. 22: W.Germany v Turkey
Feb. 27: W.Germany v Malta

After their win over Wales, it's hard to see the West Germans lose their grip on first place; they are likely to win all their three home matches and run away with the group victory.

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

In the very last moment, Hungarian international Laszlo Balint's transfer to Ajax of Amsterdam fell through and he was snapped up by the Belgian Bruges. There he has teamed up with former Ferencvaros colleague Andras Ku who defected to the West two years ago.

Vancouver Whitecaps, led by the veteran England star Alar Ball, won the 1979 American (NASL) championship beating Tampa Bay of Florida in the final. The crowd was "only" 40,000 but would have been over 70,000 had Cosmos made the final. However, they were eliminated in the semifinals by Vancouver in a rough match with two Cosmos fullbacks, Iranian Eskandarian and Brazilian Carlos Alberto sent off.

The sad saga of George Best continues. With the US season over, Best is back in London and would like to play for Fulham once again. However, there are two snags: Best is under suspension by his American club for breaking camp and they also ask for a \$400,000 transfer fee for the not-too-reliable Irish ex-genius.

Sepp Maier, Bayern's West German international goalie, is on the mend following severe injuries suffered in a car smash. Maier is now undergoing constant physiotherapy treatment to strengthen his broken arm and ribs. Meanwhile, his deputy, Walter Junghans, 20, is playing brilliantly for Bayern and officials are wondering what will happen when Maier reports back for duty.

West Bromwich have signed Yugoslav national team goalkeeper Ivan Katalinic, for \$380,000.

ARGENTINA'S NEW TEAM

Argentina last week lost 1-2 to West Germany in West Berlin—but this was a vastly different team from the one which last year won the World Cup.

The only survivors from that team were Passarella and Gallego, though all the others had played for Argentina before and some couldn't even be classified as youngsters any more. Manager Luis Cesar Menotti is now forced to find a new team. He decided against using any of his brilliant youngsters who had won the World Youth Cup in Japan a few days earlier, as most of them were physically exhausted.

Still, their time will come and pretty soon, too. But what did happen to last year's world champions? stars? Luque, that fierce goal-grabbing predator and Houseman have been dropped because of their poor form and Ortiz, that tricky winger, is in hospital following major surgery to his spinal cord.

Tarantini—back from Birmingham—and Valencia have been bypassed because their club, FC Tallares of Cordoba, plays in a lower division.

Ardiles, Villa (both Tottenham) and Kempes (Valencia) were not released by their clubs; stopper Galvan has ended his international career while two brilliant midfield stars, Alonso and Bochini, were injured and unavailable.

As a matter of interest, this was the "new Argentina", with the numbers after the names showing the players' ages and the number of their previous full internationals:

Vidalle (Gimnasia de la Plata) 29/6; Ocano (FCT Cordoba) 24/4; Passarella (River Plate) 25/47; Van Tuyne (Rosario Central) 21/5; Bordon (Boca Juniors) 28/7; Gaspari (Santa Fe) 20/8; Gallego (Newells Old Boys, Rosario) 26/28; Carlos Lopez (Racing) 27/9; Coscia (San Lorenzo) 26/2; Fortunato (Estudiantes), 22/7 and Roberto Diaz (Racing) 25/9.

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